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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Friday Evening, February 24th.....8:30 P.M.**

### MERCY KILLINGS

Shall the lives of those hopelessly ill be taken at their own request?

What has Judaism to say on this much debated question that flares into public attention repeatedly? Is there any logic in refusing the release of death to pain-racked invalids of whose recovery there is no hope?

**Saturday Morning, Feb. 25th.....9:30 A.M.**

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

**Friday Evening, March 3rd.....8:30 P.M.**

### SPECIAL SERVICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL THE POSTS OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF NEW YORK COUNTY

Celebrating

The 150th Anniversary of the First Congress  
to meet under the Constitution of the  
United States

#### Speakers:

**Rabbi Steinberg, Mr. Norman L. Marks**  
and **Col. Maurice Simmons,**  
Past Commander-in-Chief, Jewish War  
Veterans of the United States

**Saturday Morning, March 4th.....9:30 A.M.**

PURIM SERMON—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

**OBSERVE: Services on Friday evening hereafter begin at 8:30—a change  
instituted as a result of a general request.**

### DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A GALA EVENING?

—but who doesn't? Mark your date book now:

#### SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 4th

That evening ushers in the delightful festival of Purim with the inspirational reading of the Book of Esther at 7:30 P.M. in the Synagogue. At the close of the service (9 P.M.), we will celebrate this occasion in true traditional form, with a gala Carnival—in keeping with the spirit of this happy holiday. There will be excellent music for dancing, frolicsome games, delicious refreshments, and many other diversions to assure you of a joyful and memorable evening.

Be sure to come and bring your family and friends along to join in the festivities on March 4th.

#### ADMISSION

Adults.....\$1

Young Folks.....50c

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## FROM OUR PULPIT

The congregaton present in the Synagogue Friday evening, February 10th, was treated to a delightful description by Rabbi Steinberg of Lincoln as revealed in literature generally and in Robert E. Sherwood's play, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" in particular. Quoting from Vachel Lindsay, Witter Bynner, Solomon Schechter, Carl Sandburg and Robert Sherwood, Rabbi Steinberg revealed the many facets of Lincoln's personality, especially his warm humanity. "Most great men," Rabbi Steinberg said, "are either so cold and Olympian as to be beyond the reach of other humans, or so frenzied and maniacal as to be incredible. The special love which men throughout the world have felt for Lincoln arises from the fact that through his greatness there breathes a deep humanity.

Professor Shalom Spiegel, distinguished author, Jewish scholar and lecturer, occupied the pulpit as guest preacher on Friday evening, February 17th. His theme, "The Journeys of the Children of Israel," was a vivid portrayal of the factors behind the continuous migration of the Jewish people and of the spiritual products of that process. Dr. Spiegel appeared through the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education.

## FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

## NEXT GUEST LECTURER

DR. FRANK KINGDON

President of Newark University

Friday Evening, March 10th

Ask those who heard Dr. Kingdon last year as to the worthwhileness of hearing him this year.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Junior Congregation Friday afternoon service—  
5 P.M.

Friday evening service, Feb. 24th—8:30 P.M.

Saturday morning service, Feb. 25th—9:30 A.M.  
Junior Congregation—10:30 A. M.

Sunday School sessions, Feb. 26th—9:45 A.M.

Sunday morning, Feb. 26th—10:30 A.M.  
Parents Group

Sunday evening, Feb. 26th  
Refugee Concert

Monday evening, Feb. 27th  
Adult Classes  
Choral Group

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 28th—1:30 P.M.  
Sisterhood meeting

Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th—1:30 P.M.  
Young Folks League  
Norman L. Marks, speaker

Friday evening service, March 3rd—8:30 P.M.

Saturday morning service, March 4th—9:30 A.M.  
Purim Sermon  
Junior Congregation—10:30 A. M.

Saturday evening, March 4th—Purim Eve  
Service in Synagogue—7:30 P.M.  
Carnival in Vestry—9 P.M.

Sunday afternoon, March 5th—2 P.M.  
Sunday School Purim Entertainment and  
Carnival

Monday evening, March 6th  
Men's Club—8:30 P.M.  
Judge William H. Black, speaker  
Collegiate Division  
Choral Group

Tuesday evening, March 7th—8:30 P.M.  
Meeting of Young Folks League

Wednesday evening, March 8th—8:30 P.M.  
Meeting of Yorkville Zionist District

## FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

MR. MILTON WEILL HONORED  
BY Y.M.H.A.

The Scroll congratulates Mr. Milton Weill, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on the signal tribute paid to him by the Young Men's Hebrew Association in presenting him with a citation for distinguished service to the Jewish community.

Each year the Young Men's Hebrew Association awards honor citations to notable citizens. Honored with Mr. Weill were Professor Morris Raphael Cohen, George Z. Medalie, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, and Nat Holman.



## THE SCHOOL

On Sunday morning, February 12th, the Sunday School celebrated Chamisho Osor B'shvat (Jewish Arbor Day) at two assemblies. The Junior Dramatic Club during the Junior Assembly presented a play written by Miss Deborah Miller, director of the group. The following children participated: Mildred Amdur, Edward Buckstein, Bruce Geller, Suzanne Halbren, Alan Horowitz, Robert Kuhn, Barbara Lifton, Nancy Miller, Victor Norman, Donald Ostrow, Richard Sadowsky, James Stovin, Shepard Van Gelder, Patricia Wolf.

In the Senior Assembly Class 6Y directed by Miss Miriam Kronick presented a program which consisted of recitations by Ruth Rotholz and Phyllis Wolin, a discussion of the holiday by Rita Gillette, a skit entitled "The Burden of His Race," in which Sanford Hahn and Bernard Kabakow took part. The Master of Ceremonies and director of the Professor Quiz contest was Charles Heilbronner. Delicious refreshments provided by the Sisterhood were distributed after the program.

Parents are reminded that on Sunday morning, March 5th, there will be no sessions of the Sunday School.

### Purim Celebration.

A gala entertainment and carnival will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 5th, at 2 P.M. A series of plays by the high school department and by the dramatic clubs of the Sunday School will open the program. Next will follow a grand march for the masquerade, during which time prizes will be awarded for the most original and appropriate costumes. The rest of the afternoon will be given over to carnival games and contests.

Phyllis Sack, Ina Cohen, Harry Chusid, Judith Klenert and Robert Primoff are on the Arrangements Committee. All pupils, parents and friends are invited to attend. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund for refugee students.

### Junior Congregation.

In order to stimulate further interest in the Friday evening and Saturday morning services of the Junior Congregation, the Board of Directors decided to conduct a model service at the assembly of the Sunday School on March 12th.

## SYNAGOGUE CHORAL GROUP

The Synagogue Choral Group is now in the midst of rehearsing music for the Friday night service. Anyone desirous of joining this group is invited to attend the next rehearsal on Monday evening, February 27th, at 8 o'clock in the Vestry, after which time no further additions will be accepted in this group for this semester.

## FROM THE LETTERS OF OUR NEW RABBI

There has been so much interest expressed in the two German rabbis whom the congregation has called to serve as associate ministers that The Scroll prints the following excerpts from two letters received from Rabbi Erwin Zimet. Rabbi Zimet is at present in an internment camp in Zbasyn, Poland. In a letter of January 13th, Rabbi Zimet writes as follows:

"It is a strange and exciting feeling for me to accept a call from a congregation of which I know nothing but concerning which I have had the most favorable reports. I have by now spent three months in the camp at Zbasyn. In that time I have desired nothing so much as an opportunity for creative activity. Needless to say, conditions here are really terrible. My only desire is to cease vegetating and to take on again meaningful duties."

In a letter dated January 29th, Rabbi Zimet explains the difficulties involved in effecting his migration. He writes, "Once again I promise to carry out faithfully and with devotion whatever duties may be assigned to me. It is my sincere hope that I may help in the development of the religious understanding and Jewish loyalties of the congregation to which I am being called."

The Scroll will publish news as soon as it is received of the time of arrival of Rabbi Zimet and also of Dr. Paul Rieger. Plans are already afoot for a reception on the part of the membership to both rabbis as soon as they are in our midst.

## THE COTERIE CLUBS

Although The Scroll cannot now report on the outcome of the dance given by the Coterie Clubs, the expectations were that the affair sponsored by the two youth clubs would be a very successful venture. The dance and entertainment were scheduled for the eve of Washington's Birthday, February 21st. Proceeds were to be given to aid refugee students.

## FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

### THE YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The Young Folks League acted as hosts to the Collegiate Division of the Synagogue, Sunday evening, February 19th at a social.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 28th at the Synagogue with Norman L. Marks as our guest speaker.

We cordially invite young men and women interested in Jewish activities, social and cultural to affiliate with us. We extend to those interested an invitation to our February 28th meeting.

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## CANTOR RECORDS PASSOVER MELODIES

Cantor David Putterman has just recorded another album of Hebrew folk melodies for the RCA-Victor Company which will be released early in March. These records contain a representative group of selections of Passover melodies for the Seder service.

## SISTERHOOD NOTES

### Open Meeting

**Tuesday Afternoon, February 28th**

The Program Committee has formulated plans for exceedingly interesting meetings for the next several months. Show your appreciation of the efforts of the Committee by enthusiastic attendance. At the February 28th meeting, one of our members, Minnette S. Holzman, will speak on one of the most important and timely issues of our day, "Is America Feverish for War?"

Those who could not attend the Pledge Luncheon on February 15th at the Belmont Plaza Hotel missed a delightful afternoon. The Sisterhood was grateful and showed its appreciation to all those who attended and to those who worked so diligently to collect the funds for The Mile of Pennies.

## YORKVILLE ZIONIST DISTRICT TO MEET IN VESTRY

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, the Yorkville Zionist District is to hold its next meeting on Wednesday evening, March 8th, at 8:30 in our Vestry Rooms. Rabbi Steinberg is to serve as host, representing the congregation, and also as guest speaker. The readers of The Scroll are urged to attend this meeting. In these troubled times when the fate of Palestine hangs in balance, the strength of Zionist activities in America is of prime importance.

## BAR MITZVAHS

The following Bar Mitzvahs will be celebrated during the month of March:

Saturday, March 4th—Master Robert Kieval, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kieval.

March 11th—Master Robert Prensky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Prensky.

To the Bar Mitzvahs and their families, our warmest felicitations and hopes that the young men may attain their highest potentialities in life as Jews and American citizens.

## THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Friedman, Jr., the congratulations and best wishes of the congregation on their wedding anniversary on March 6th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weill, the felicitations of the congregation on their wedding anniversary on March 5th.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Heller, felicitations on the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Claire.

The Scroll wishes to express its sympathies and condolences to

Mr. Frederick Finn on the passing of his father, Mr. Maurice Finn.

Mrs. Hermine Berger on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Louisa Schorr.

Mr. Morris W. Haft, Mr. Jules Haft and Mr. Samuel Haft on the loss of their father, Mr. Max H. Haft.

Mr. Mark Hellinger on the passing of his brother, Mr. Monroe Hellinger.

Dr. Joseph Buckstein on the passing of his father, Mr. Kalman Buckstein.

Mr. Mendel Joffe on the passing of his sister, Miss Sarah Joffe.

We are happy to welcome into The Congregational Family two new members—Mr. Nelson Miller and Mr. Saul Godwin.

## JUDGE BLACK TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB

On Monday evening, March 6th, the Hon. William Harman Black, former Judge of the Supreme Court, will speak before the Men's Club. He is the author of the recently published book, "If I Were a Jew," which stirred a great deal of comment.

To this open meeting both men and women are cordially invited.

## ADULT CLASSES OPEN BRILLIANTLY

Despite inclement weather, the distraction of a holiday, colds and other deterrents, the Adult Classes of the Committee on Adult Education opened their second semester under thrilling circumstances. Over one hundred and fifty people were present in the Vestry Room on Monday evening, February 13th, for the beginning of the new lecture course on "The Social Problems of the Jewish Group." The other classes—the Bible seminar, the Hebrew courses and the choral group—resumed their sessions under equally favorable auspices. All this indicates the Spring semester should represent an attendance larger than ever before.

The next meeting night is Monday, February 27th. Mrs. J. Michael Wiener, Registrar of the Committee, announces that registrations will continue to be accepted at that time.